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## TOWNSHIP MEETING.

In accordance with the notice as published in the Record of last week a public town meeting was held at Dodd's Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 22d, for the purpose of considering the recommendation of the majority of the township committee, that the contract with the Orange Water Company, which has been in force in this township during the last ten years should be renewed for a similar period.

The meeting was called to order by township clerk, Wm. L. Johnson. George W. Cook was elected chairman and Wm. L. Johnson secretary. G. Lee Stout, on behalf of the township committee, stated the reasons that had induced them to call the meeting. He read a correspondence which he had had with ex-Jersey Hobart, president of the East Jersey Water Company, which seemed to indicate that his company would not care to furnish water to Bloomfield at a less price than \$100 for a million gallons. Mr. Stout labored to impress the meeting with the desirability for a renewal of the contract for ten years. He stated that it would be a saving, when compared with the requirements of the present contract, but he did not show to the satisfaction of those present that the making of a new contract, virtually upon the terms of the old one, would be likely to be carried out faithfully by the Orange Water Company. His explanation as to what the Orange Company propose to do in the event of their inducing the township to renew the contract was not clear, and could scarcely have been satisfactory to himself. Mr. Stout's criticism seemed to be directed more to the figures submitted in the report of the Committee of Thirty than to the failure of the Orange Water Company to satisfactorily carry out the requirements of the old contract. He intimated that the present township committee would have renewed the contract without consultation of the people had it not been interdicted in so doing by the resolution passed at the last township meeting. He said further that a majority of the township committee did not feel that it was a good time to issue bonds to procure something which could be got at a fair price without doing so, but he did not back up this assertion with any figures to demonstrate it. All his conclusions were inferential and leaning apparently more in the direction of the Orange Water Company than in the direction of the true interests of the township.

When Mr. Stout sat down Robert W. Gardner, chairman of the Committee of Thirty, presented the report of that Committee on the subject of water supply, and it was received and read, whereupon Mr. Stout moved that the township committee be instructed to renew the contract with the Orange Water Company for ten years, on the same terms as contained in the present contract of that Company with the township of East Orange. Upon the suggestion of an amendment to make the term five years instead of ten Mr. Stout interposed that it would not be possible.

Joseph D. Gallagher having obtained the floor proceeded to criticize the stand taken by Mr. Stout and objected to the township being forced into a renewal of the contract until it should be demonstrated that it was really to the best interest of the township that it should be renewed. He favored an extension of the present contract for six months that an opportunity might be afforded for examination.

As anticipated, Halsey M. Barrett appeared at this juncture, presumably in his capacity as Attorney of the Orange Water Company. He produced a handful of manuscript prepared for the occasion, from which he read a statement of "facts" as he called them, the bare presentation of which should induce the meeting to concur in the recommendation of the township committee. He occupied considerable time with an argument intended to demonstrate how little the Company would make and how much this township would save under a renewal. He did not know how Bloomfield could obtain water from the East Jersey Water Company for less than \$100 a million gallons, when the Orange Company itself could not. He said that incorporated companies were averse to invading each other's territory, and intimated that the township could not obtain a supply from the East Jersey Company on account of this implied understanding between them.

Mr. Hopping interrupted the speaker to say that he could prove his (Barrett's) figures false and his conclusions erroneous, and after some further remarks by way of asserting

the disinterestedness of his motives Mr. Barrett left the room.

E. S. Wilde, who spoke next, designated Mr. Barrett's facts as "funny facts," and stated that the Orange Water Company had taken \$128,000 out of this township in the past ten years. He said that if there were collusion between the Orange and East Jersey water companies it was incumbent upon the township of Bloomfield to assert its independence and to refuse to treat under compulsion. Mr. Wilde thought that the best interests of the township for the future would be subserved by taking steps to become the owner of the pipes and hydrants now located in the streets of the township, which should be its own agents of supply, that the purchase by the township of the present pipes and hydrants should be effected through arbitration. The township should select a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the water company another and the two agree upon the third from the same body. Such a determination of the present value of the plant should be satisfactory to all and could not fail in being equitable. In case the company refused to treat upon this basis the township ought to parallel the present plant with one of its own, adapted in size of pipes and other requirements to the future needs of the township. In order to avoid the above referred to, thought the township ought to possess itself of sufficient ground from which to obtain its own water supply in the upper part of the township; that after the township had acquired the present pipes and hydrants, or provided its own and obtained the ground, it would be advisable that it should until otherwise determined, obtain its water supply from either the Orange Water Company or from the East Jersey Water Company; that in any event this plan would if carried out place the township in an absolutely independent position at a reasonable outlay.

Ethand A. Smith of Glen Ridge related what he knew about a hydrant located in his neighborhood on Glen Ridge Avenue, and asserted that there was not force enough to throw a stream over his fence.

S. P. Gilbert stated that he had knowledge of an offer made by the East Jersey Water Company to supply water to the township at \$80 per million gallons, and was not aware that any authority existed for denying that it could not be obtained from that company at a less rate. He stated that the supply at Glen Ridge had been notoriously insufficient, both for public and private use.

Robert S. Rudd, a neighbor of Mr. Smith, told that gentleman that he missed one of the greatest pleasures of living on the hill in not taking the city water; that he (Mr. Rudd) was in the habit of sitting in his house on a Sunday evening and hear the water trickle in to the tank with the pleasurable anticipation that possibly enough water would be collected for the next day's washing. The water did not run in the tank in the daytime, that was sure; there wasn't a sufficient supply then to scare a Kentucky Colonel. Mr. Rudd was however in favor of making such a contract as would secure a fixed and ample supply for both public and private use in all parts of the township, and insisted that a clause should be put in any future contract that any hydrant not affording the guaranteed supply should be cut off and not paid for.

Mr. Gallagher thought that the discussion had demonstrated the fact that we were not ready to make a new contract with the Orange Water Co. and again favored postponing action. Mr. Hopping interrupted the speaker to ask why Mr. Barrett, being a member of the Committee of Thirty had not presented the statement and figures that he had read to that Committee.

Mr. Gallagher replied that he could not answer the question, and concluded by endorsing Mr. Rudd's suggestion that hydrants affording an insufficient supply of water should not be paid for.

Mr. Wilde favored the passage of the resolution postponing action, and after it had been reduced to writing by Mr. Gallagher it was carried, Mr. Stout having withdrawn his resolution, and the meeting adjourned.

The postponing resolution was as follows:

Resolved, That the consideration of the subject of water supply be adjourned; that the Township Committee be instructed to obtain an extension of six months of the option of renewal with the Orange Water Co. that the Committee also be instructed to report at a meeting to be called, the exact cost of obtaining water from the East Jersey or Montclair water companies, and the cost of plant, either new or purchased from the Orange Water Company.

Hi Henry's Minstrels at Central Hall. Hi Henry's Minstrels, who appear at Central Hall, Bloomfield, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 3d, is one of the oldest and most popular companies on the road, and will be considered by many of our citizens as having given one of the best entertainments ever run in Bloomfield to a crowded house several years ago.

## Christmas at the Churches.

At the First Church the Sunday School and friends of the scholars filled the rooms to overflowing on Tuesday. An evening of ventriloquism had been arranged as the Christmas entertainment this year. Mr. Hugh Emmett appeared with his violin at about eight o'clock, and after drawing some melodious strains from the strings in the ordinary way he proceeded to bring forth certain notes by holding the bow in his mouth, or playing the violin behind his back. Taking advantage of the similarity of sound between the music of the instrument and the human voice he gave some a using illustrations. His mimicry of various nationalities in attitude and expression was quite remarkable. He was able to present the Frenchman, Italian, Dutchman, Chinaman and Jew with ludicrous accuracy, also the osty of the Jewish school boy and the young lady pupil of the Delandian school. His conversations with the representative of Erin abounded in witty thrusts and comical satire which the children found irresistibly funny. It was on the whole an entertainment admirably calculated to dispel the "blues" which are said to be extremely prevalent this holiday season.

At the close of the evening the customary distribution of sweets took place. The scholars contributed this year as heretofore in the collection of gifts for Miss Ufford's school in the South. The younger scholars had their Christmas festival on Wednesday afternoon in the lecture room, where Santa Claus appeared and entertained the youngsters in the usual manner.

At Westminster Church the Christmas entertainment on Wednesday evening consisted of a very pretty Santa Claus cavalcade in three scenes. The opening one introduced the waiting for Santa Claus in the school room, in which the song "Happy Meeting" was playfully rendered by the chorus. Mr. George Cook appeared in this scene as the Frost King in a remarkable costume whose icicle decorations were suggestive of the rigid zone. In the second scene a very pretty picture was presented in the hanging of the stockings, as the little ones are tucked into bed for the night. Miss Bessie Moore, in a dainty dress of white tulle and spangled with stars, personated the Goddess of Dreams appearing after the children had fallen asleep. Another fairy, Miss Ray Todd, sang the invocation to joy which was followed by the advent of joy and her attendant sisters, peace, hope and love; these fairies were represented by Miss McDowell, Miss Russell, Miss Charlotte and Miss Harriet Stephens. There were also four other fairies, Misses Bessie Hall, Edna Wickham, Florence Duncan and Grace Biggart, and the singing and recitations combined to form a very striking feature of the cavalcade.

Miss McDowell's rendering of "Somebody's Coming" was exceedingly sweet. She received great applause. After the banishing of the fairies Santa Claus made his appearance for the purpose of filling the stockings. He accidentally overturned a chair which awakened the little ones, thus giving them an opportunity of addressing him in person. The third scene was the coming of Santa to the Sunday School. After the distribution of prizes in the shape of books to the scholars, the superintendent promised the appearance of Santa Claus on condition of perfect quiet. Presently he appeared in unusually good spirits accompanied by the Frost King and his dwarfs Draco and Krako. The fun and merriment which orth coming and Santa dispensed them with a generous hand. The boxes were very pretty containing the name of the Sunday School and the date in gilt on the covers. The whole entertainment was admirably conducted. Mrs. George Paul rendered the music most efficiently and a large number of the scholar's friends were there to enjoy it.

The Christmas entertainment of the Park M. E. Sunday School was held on Friday evening last in the church. The entertainment consisted of singing and recitations by the scholars and an address by the pastor, concluding with a giving exercise, there being a great many useful donations by the scholars for the poor. Several presents were given to scholars who had been in attendance during the year. The pastor was presented with a souvenir spoon. At the close of the entertainment every scholar was presented with a box of candy and an orange.

The Watessing Methodist Church held their Christmas exercises on Monday evening. There was speaking and singing by the children. Santa Claus appeared and the usual good time was enjoyed.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church held their Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening. Contributions were made for the poor according to the invitation of the pastor, who announced the acceptability of either a pound of soap, starch or gold.

The Christmas entertainment of the German Presbyterian Sunday School was held on Monday evening. The church was filled with friends of the children. Two trees were put up. The exercises consisted of speaking by the scholars, singing by the school, and views illustrated by the stereopticon by the pastor, Rev. Henry W. Rebert. At the conclusion of the entertainment candy, oranges and nuts were distributed among the children.

Fortunately there have been thus far no disastrous results from the decorations of churches with Christmas greens this year. The severe losses by fire of three churches in this State a year ago is doubtless a warning loud enough to prevent the recurrence of any such accident for some time to come. If more people were familiar with the extreme inflammability of the boughs which they so fearlessly bring into their houses for the holiday season there would be fewer Christmas trees with awaying tapers.

We were visiting in the city one Christmas and after the children had enjoyed the tree to the fullest possible extent and gone to bed happy, it was decided to dispose of it as quickly as possible rather than have it stand for a day or two in the thoroughly dismantled state which Christmas trees usually assume the day after the festival. The branches were cut off and placed in the grate. It wasn't necessary to coax the flame or anything of that sort, the rancorous pile ignited instantly and a fire of such remarkable heat as I had never witnessed before was the result. But notwithstanding greens are used every year in many homes in great abundance.

## The Danger of Matches.

We wonder how our ancestors managed to get along at all before the invention of matches. They are so indispensably handy that we keep them in every room in the house; the "men folks" carry them in their pockets, leave them hanging in their "other clothes"; a dozen closets in all portions of the house; we have a handful resting within reach while we sleep, they are dropped here and there as we attempt to handle them; if it is light and we readily see them, they are picked up, otherwise they are left till a more convenient season— which generally does not come, simply because they are forgotten, being "only a match"—we can get plenty more for a halfpenny, and time is too valuable to be wasted over so insignificant a trifle.

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